

Historian Wells' New Task.

P. P. Wells of Newbury, whose history of that town, published recently from this office, has given him a high place among Vermont historians, has been engaged by the New Hampshire Historical society to complete a biography of the late Capt. Samuel Morey of Orford, N. H., and Fairlee. Aside from his claim as the inventor of the steamboat Capt. Morey was a figure of great importance in the early days of that portion of the Connecticut valley and throughout the country in the vicinity of the beautiful lake which bears his name, numberless stories and traditions are still told concerning him. The historian chosen is extremely well qualified by taste and experience, and in the historical lore of the country, for the task given him, and a unique and valuable work may be anticipated.

The controversy over who is the true inventor of the steamboat is one that will probably never be settled. Of course in the popular mind, Fulton's name is, and doubtless always will be associated with the origin of steam navigation, but the student of Samuel Morey's career finds much convincing evidence to prove that his little steamcraft rode the waters of the Connecticut several years before Fulton's experiments in that line had proven successful, and indeed there is strong proof that Fulton's fame rests on his ability to bring before the public the result of Morey's genius. But Morey and Fulton are by no means the only claimants to the honor, as is evidenced by the fact that a Philadelphia has recently erected a memorial in Westminster, Pa., which bears this inscription: "John Fitch here conceived the idea of the first steamboat. He saw a boat with side wheels run by steam on a pond below Danville in 1785. Back's County Historical Society."

So it is probable that Mr. Wells' history may not fully establish Capt. Morey among the great inventors of America, but one thing is sure it will be an interesting history of a unique career, and as such it will be a valuable addition to Vermont and New Hampshire bibliography.

The McKinley Postal Cards.

The new McKinley postal cards have been placed on sale and Postmaster Hazen has received 5,000, which was only half of his requisition.

The new postal card is of the same size as that in use for several years past, but differs very much in appearance as to the address side. In the right upper corner is a neat and perfect likeness in the form of a vignette of the late lamented President McKinley. On the left upper corner is the American shield and eagle, leaving the upper half of the card clear for postmarks of the mailing and receiving station. Under the picture of McKinley is inscribed "1843-McKinley-1901", the years marking those of the birth and death of the late President.

The new card is, on the whole, an improvement on the old issue, although it is of precisely the same size. But it is made of a higher quality of paper, giving better writing surface, although the card will be a bit thinner. The printing on the address side is rather better arranged and the whole appearance is more businesslike and plainer. The new cards were to have been issued in February, but the department was not satisfied with the first design.

A Threatening Letter.

On Friday afternoon of last week Dr. H. C. Newell received a letter from Boston threatening him with immediate death if \$6000 was not delivered to the writer at the corner of Tremont and School streets that night. The make-up of the letter was crude and almost unintelligible and signed with three sets of initials, a photographic reproduction of the whole being printed in the Boston Globe of July 28. There have been no further developments in the matter and the doctor is in no wise disturbed by it. It is thought in Boston to be the work of some demented person.

The doctor has received much notoriety on account of this letter, through the city press, one paper referring to him as a St. Johnsbury clergyman.

Our County Vote.

The present campaign in Vermont promises to exceed all others in interest and each side announces that they will give their special attention to the smaller towns. Our readers will therefore be interested in Caledonia county's vote at the last election and it is here with tabulated:

	Rep.	Dem.	Pro.	Socialist.
Barnet	178	48	3	3
Burke	172	52	2	5
Danville	203	34	7	5
Groton	148	53	2	3
Hardwick	348	84	14	9
Kirby	448	47	1	1
Lyndon	334	176	10	1
Newark	65	48	3	1
Peaslee	316	47	8	2
Ryeake	146	12	3	1
Sheffield	97	31	19	1
St. Johnsbury	862	349	13	7
Stannard	39	1		
Sutton	127	22	7	
Walden	53	24	7	
Waterford	122	24	2	
Wheelock	53	48	12	
Total	2238	1186	101	31

Will Redeem Postal Cards.

Orders were issued from the post office department at Washington last week to redeem unused postal cards at 75 per cent of their face value, the postmasters to be governed by the same rules as in redeeming unused stamped envelopes. The order from the department states that only whole cards will be accepted and that cards that have been blazed or covered with enamel will not be accepted. Uncanceled cards which are unserviceable are the ones which are the framing of the rule is formed to take.

For many years jobbers had been in the habit of buying unused postal cards that had been printed on one side or both and then blazening or coating the cards and selling them to business firms at a discount. Hence the government discriminates in redeeming cards against those that have been prepared for further use.

Robbed While Asleep.

Peter Rouillard, a former employee of Peter Provencal, is under arrest at Hallowell, Mass., charged with purloining a sum of money, said to be about \$100, from Henry Carrier of this place. Rouillard had been in Bethlehem for a while, and arrived here from that place Thursday morning "dead broke." He went to a friend's room in the Estabrooks tenement house, where he found three young men, including Carrier. He said that he had not breakfasted and Carrier, who a few days previously had drawn \$125 from the bank, took out a roll of bills and gave one of the party a dollar to buy beer and sandwiches. This was brought in and disposed of and Carrier went to sleep. When he awoke in the afternoon he was alone and his money was gone. He did not report the matter to the police until Friday night. Then Sheriff Sulloway was called into the case and developments pointed to Rouillard as the guilty man. He departed for Holyoke Friday night, but not before he had shown a roll of bills to several parties. Sheriff Sulloway sent a statement of the case, together with a description of Rouillard and his street address in Holyoke, to the chief of police in that city, Saturday night, and was notified by telephone Sunday evening that he had been arrested. Sheriff Sulloway went to Holyoke Monday night and returned yesterday with the prisoner.

At Fairbanks Village.

Mrs. Charles Greenwood of Haverhill, Mass., is spending a few days at H. C. Hill's.

Mrs. George Merrill of Danville is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Hill.

Miss Lillian Hill will leave Thursday for Haverhill, Mass., where she will spend a few weeks visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Grow of Charlestown, N. H., have been spending a few days at Matthew Robinson's.

Mrs. H. E. Kelsey, who has been spending several weeks in Springfield, Mass., returned Saturday. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Clark, who will spend some time in town.

Mrs. Henry Averill of Piermont, N. H., visited at J. C. Wing's a part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Mosher of Wheelock spent Saturday and Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Henry Bedard.

Kruse Baker of New York City is spending a part of his vacation with his aunt, Mrs. W. C. Bowditch.

J. C. Wing and H. E. Kelsey took a carriage drive to the Sunset Hill House last week.

E. M. Ford went to Montpelier Monday to superintend the erection of a set of scales at the state house.

Mrs. R. L. Smith is visiting relatives at Lyndonville.

Former Ward Sues Guardian.

William L. Scoville, who will be remembered here as a graduate of the class of '91, St. J. A., has just brought an interesting suit against his former guardian, J. W. Brock of Montpelier. Scoville was formerly a resident of Montpelier and is now an attorney in Boston.

The plaintiff alleges that at the time of the death of his mother, Mrs. Martha L. Scoville, in 1890, Mr. Brock became his guardian and invested trust funds belonging to the plaintiff in Sioux City and Kansas City investments. That in 1893 the investments in Sioux city, which included the bulk of his funds, became worthless because of the failure of the Union Loan Trust Company. That when the plaintiff became of age his guardian turned over these investments to him and was discharged by the probate court. The plaintiff asserts that his guardian could have sold the investments made with the plaintiff's funds at an advance of at least 20 per cent any time prior to 1893, and that because they were held and became worthless he is a loser of \$7000, which he now sues to recover. The case will appear in the docket of the September term of Washington county court, and Mr. Scoville with the assistance of E. H. Devitt will prosecute his own case.

Aid Association Meeting.

The regular meeting of the Brightlook Hospital Aid Association was held at the hospital on Monday afternoon. The finance committee reported 56 new members of the association and a most cordial expression of interest on the part of the people whom they visited.

Action was taken on the report of the committee appointed to revise the constitution. One of the most important changes is in regard to the date of the quarterly meetings. They will hereafter be held on the last Monday of September, December, March and June. The quarterly meeting in December will be the annual meeting for the election of officers. Thereafter the finance, house and visiting and charity committees will serve one year.

The following committees were appointed to serve three months:

Flowers, Mrs. George Hosen, chairman, Mrs. William E. Peck, Miss Julia Taplin.

Sewing, Mrs. W. L. Heath, chairman, Mrs. T. P. Farrell, Mrs. S. T. Brooks, Mrs. M. E. Merrill, Mrs. I. J. Dow.

Reading, Mrs. Alvin Adams, chairman, Miss Mary E. Stone, Mrs. S. D. Atwood. The hospital completed three years of existence with the month of June. A pamphlet giving statistics and information will be issued soon and distributed very generally.

Resigns His Pastorate.

Rev. A. C. Hussey, pastor of the First Baptist church, read his letter of resignation last Sunday to take effect the last Sunday in September. That date completes his four years' pastorate in St. Johnsbury and the resignation comes as a surprise to the church and congregation. Mr. Hussey has received a call to the Baptist church in Warren, Me., and it is quite a coincidence that this church called him to be their pastor 15 years ago, but at that time Mr. Hussey declined the call.

RECENT DEATHS.

Prescott.

The announcement of the death of F. D. Prescott, which occurred at his home in Waterford on Tuesday night of last week, was received with feelings of deepest regret in St. Johnsbury where he was well-known and highly respected. The cause of his death was pneumonia after a few days' illness. Mr. Prescott was born in Wheelock, November 20, 1832. He was married in 1860 to Aurilla Brooks of Sheffield, who survives him. They were the parents of two sons and two daughters, of whom only one, Mrs. Martha M. Peck of Danville, is now alive. One son was killed by a falling tree about four years ago. Mr. Prescott was a thoroughly consistent Christian. He united with the Methodist church in Windsor in 1873 and since residing in Waterford had been a constant attendant at Grace church. He was a veteran of the civil war, having served in Co. F, 9th Vt. Vols., and was a comrade of Chamberlain Post, No. 1, G. A. R. The funeral was held at his late home Friday morning, and a large gathering of neighbors and friends attended the service in which he was held. His pastor, Rev. Joshua M. Frost, conducted the services and the quartette of Grace church sang. Among those who attended from St. Johnsbury was a delegation from Chamberlain Post. The remains were taken to his native town for burial. The only member of Mr. Prescott's immediate family now living is a brother who resides in Oregon. Mrs. Prescott will go to Danville to make her home with her daughter.

Kimball.

Mrs. Lillian Brook, wife of Edward C. Kimball, died at St. Johnsbury Hospital, Thursday, of consumption, after an illness of about six months. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brook of St. Johnsbury Centre, and was born in London, England, 35 years ago. When ten years of age she came to Canada with her parents, and a few years later to this town, where she has since resided. Thirteen years ago she married Mr. Kimball, who with five children survives her. The funeral was held Saturday at the house of Mr. Kimball's sister, Mrs. Annie Rutherford, Rev. Dr. McKellop of St. Andrew's church officiating. Among those from out of town who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kimball of Bath, N. H., Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Donley of Barre, and Mrs. Edith Bacon Stone of Woodville. The death of Mrs. Kimball removes a lady who was highly respected by all who knew her and the bereaved children and family will have the tender sympathy of all in their affliction.

Smith.

Parker Smith, brother of Mrs. George F. Cheney of this place, died in Palatka, Florida, Thursday, of tuberculosis of the lungs. He was born in Randolph 37 years ago and lived there until 18 years of age, when he went to Florida, where he has since been engaged in the banking business. For the past nine years he has been cashier of the Putnam National Bank. He leaves a wife and one daughter, aged 12 years, his mother, Mrs. A. A. Smith of Randolph, three sisters, Mrs. Cheney, Mrs. L. P. Thayer of Randolph, and Mrs. L. D. Wheeler of White River Junction, and one brother, Walter Smith of Orlando, Fla.

Gale.

Deacon Sullivan B. Gale, father of Mrs. J. O. Sherburne of this place, died at Plainfield, Sunday, aged 86 years. He was one of the best known citizens of the town. The funeral was held Monday, Rev. Mr. Sherburne and sons, John N. Gale, attending from this town. Mrs. Sherburne was unable to attend on account of illness.

The Circus and Children.

The coming of the Great Walter L. Main's circus to St. Johnsbury, Saturday, Aug. 2, recalls the old-fashioned couplet.

"Remember you were children once;
A happy child don't make a dunce,"
as it serves as a timely and appropriate introductory reminder that the management of the famous big old reliable and popular aggregation named has made very liberal and sensible provisions for the special benefit of the little folks. A circus without a crowd of bright-faced youngsters in attendance, to laud uncritically and to laugh infectiously, would be as dreary as a green Christmas without Santa Claus, and the one which best amuses them is bound to please all.

The big Main show does so in filling its vast arena, three rings, two stages and aerial achievements with just such performances, spectacular pageants and whimsicalities as hit the juvenile fancy and tickle its ribs. There will be Fairyland spectacles, clowns, grotesque, amazing 70 horse act. Just that number, all in one ring at one time performing marvellous feats, big and little elephants, cats, ponies, monkeys, riders, trained dogs, trick donkeys, who wind bicycle races, chariot races, camel races, Roman standing races, camels, clown brass band, comedians and mimics. The only cycle whirl, the only riding pony, "The Girl with the Auburn Hair," the highest, longest diver in the world; the great musical festival, Carl Neal's grand concert, 100 voices, dens, caravans and car of rare wild animals, is the biggest zoological exhibit ever seen in this city. Take the children to see them and they will make you young again. Two performances daily (rain or shine), at 2 and 8 p. m. Doors open an hour earlier. Seating capacity, 10,000; 25 uniformed ushers. Numbered coupon seats on sale at the downtown branch office on morning of the exhibit. See the grand, glorious street parade and then visit the show grounds and be convinced that it is the only big show.

East St. Johnsbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gates of Lisbon, Mr. and Mrs. Tabor Gates of Pawtucket, R. I., and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Phillips of Glover, were guests of Mrs. Belinda Gates, Mrs. B. F. Grout and Mrs. Leonard Smith, last week.

Miss Susan Atkins of Cabot visited Miss Hattie Fisher, recently.

Capt. Harrington has been taken to the home of Arons Bowen, that he may receive the care which he needs.

Upon returning from a drive Friday evening, Miss Grace Shastney was agreeably surprised to find a party of her young friends at her home. Cake and ice cream were served and she was presented with a gold ring.

ST. JOHNSBURY CENTER.

The work on the ceiling of the Congregational church was finished last week. Joseph Brunelle from St. Johnsbury has done a very satisfactory job putting on the metal and Ira Grant of Lyndon did the painting which reflects great credit on his taste and workmanship.

E. H. Stone is moving buildings at Barton.

Rev. A. F. Walsh, pastor of the Universalist church gave a lecture at their place of worship last Sunday evening on the subject of Temperance. He took up the live issues of the day handling them in a very able and effective manner and made it very evident that we want no high license in Vermont.

The Women's Mission Society meets at the Congregational pastor's study Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Dunlap has gone to his home in Concord, N. H., on a business trip.

Both foundations for the bridge abutments are in, so that high water will not be likely to trouble any more.

Mrs. George Stiles visited her sister, Mrs. Simon Albee last week.

Don Gray from Lyndon has moved into Mr. Harding's house on Washington street.

Wallace Sherry, who has been stopping with his sister, Mrs. E. H. Hallett, returned to Somerville last Sunday.

T. E. Harriman commenced this week the work of reshaping all of his buildings. H. C. Powers has the job.

E. H. Hallett is cutting the hay on the Edgar Fuller farm this season.

Alden Miles and family have come back from the west and are living with his father-in-law, Jonathan Humley. He expects to have work in the scale factory.

Mrs. Arthur Evans of Worcester, Mass., is visiting friends in this place. She is remembered as the daughter of Rev. David Packer, who was the Methodist minister here at two different times years ago, the first time in the Methodist parsonage, the house now occupied by D. M. Bacon.

Rev. H. W. Worthen and wife returned Friday from a week's sojourn at Bradford.

Miss Helen Albee, a former teacher, was entertained at Byron Wright's a few days last week.

Mrs. E. O. Finel is visiting friends in Walden.

Miss Amelia Moore is spending a few days at H. J. Kelley's.

R. N. Fulton from Hartford Seminary, a graduate of Roberts College at Constantinople, will lecture at the Congregational vestry Sunday evening at 7 o'clock on "The Sick Man of Europe in Bed," or, the Turk at Home.

Mrs. Jane Huntley from St. Johnsbury was a guest at Jesse Gage's last week.

Miss Mary Adams visited at Mrs. A. N. Drew's Saturday.

Mrs. Julia Colby of Bethlehem, N. H., with her children, are being entertained at Charles Nichols'.

Mrs. John W. Sherry, who has been stopping with her daughter, Mrs. E. H. Hallett, for several days, returned to her home at Nashua last Tuesday.

Mrs. Jennie Turner is staying for a few days with her sister, Miss Helen Graves.

At Summerville.

A narrow escape.

Our well known granite manufacturer, James A. Morron, had a narrow escape from death last week Sunday. He drove into his yard in the evening and a neighbor came along with a pistol in hand and laid it on the carriage seat to assist in unloading the horse. The pistol, which was a 32 caliber weapon, fell from the seat and in some way was discharged. The ball entered Mr. Morron's left side a few inches below the armpit and, passing through the fleshy part of the body, struck the shoulder blade, and then downward. There it was embedded in flesh and was easily removed. Mr. Morron has not suffered much as the result and it will be several days before he can resume active work.

S. A. Derby of Everett, Mass., who has been the guest of his father-in-law, C. A. Gaskill, is enjoying a fishing trip on Lake Champlain. Mr. Derby is a successful fisherman as he sent Mr. Gaskill a 11 pound pickerel yesterday.

Miss Jennie Gale of Beloit, Wisconsin, is spending her annual vacation at her home here.

Mrs. Eunice M. Wilbur and Mrs. Fred C. Wilbur of Newton, Mass., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence P. Leach.

Penn Page and family returned Saturday from a two weeks' stay at his home in North Troy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Chaffee spent two days last week with relatives in Lyndonville.

William Graves, and daughter of Mansfield, Mass., are visiting at W. A. Graves'. Andrew Cox of Springfield is visiting his sister, Mrs. S. J. Morrison.

A Trotting Circuit Organized.

A Vermont trotting circuit was organized here last Thursday which assures the patrons of the race meetings and county fairs this fall some excellent trotting. Representatives of the Caledonia county fair, the Lamoille county fair, the Orleans county fair, the Barre trotting park and other prominent fair managers were present and arrangements were made, purses declared, and dates claimed, whereby the horsemen get eight consecutive weeks beginning either at Littleton Aug. 13 and 14, or at St. Albans Aug. 14-15. Then the dates run as follows: Barre, Aug. 20-22; Newport the following week; Sherbrooke, Aug. 30 to Sept. 6; the Barton fair the following week; the Caledonia county fair, Sept. 16, 17 and 18; Morrisville fair, Sept. 23-25; and close the circuit at Barre Oct. 1, 2 and 3.

The advantages to both the horsemen and associations are many as it gives them meetings of good sized purses nearly uniform throughout, continuous racing for eight weeks over first class tracks under best of management, with certainty of best treatment, short and easy shipments to all points.

C. F. Pike of Bradford, N. H., will act as starter at all the races of the circuit. Mr. Pike was starter here at last year's

races and will be remembered as a former Academy student.

Each track will be a member of the National Trotting Association. D. D. Bean of Barton is the circuit secretary, and sent out blanks, advertising, etc., will be sent out at once, and either secretary of the respective tracks or the circuit secretary, will reply to all inquiries.

An Attractive Season.

Lovers of good plays will be glad to learn that Charles A. Chapman, manager of Howe Opera House, has made an engagement with the great actor, Joseph Jefferson, who will appear in "Rip Van Winkle" some time in October.

The regular theatrical season will open on Wednesday, September 3, with Culhane, Chase & Weston's Minstrels. During Fair week the favorite comedian, George E. Hall, will appear in his new comedy "The Americans"; and other attractions during the month will be "Way Down East"; the favorite emotional actress, Mildred Holland, in "The Power Behind the Throne"; the drama, "New York Day by Day"; and James O'Neil in "Monte Cristo," presented with magnificent scenery and beautiful costumes.

During the month of October, Charles Frohman's production, "Are You a Mason?"; the beautiful play "The Christian"; Joseph Jefferson in "Rip Van Winkle"; Lewis Morrison in a complete production of "Faust"; Miss Rose Coglan and company in a metropolitan attraction; the musical comedy, "A Trip to the Circus"; and Grace George, in the unique American play, "Under Southern Skies"; also the return of the favorite Scotch Band, "The Kilties."

During the following months equally strong attractions will be presented. "Chapman's Indoor Circus" will be presented on the "Annex" during the week of Nov. 17.

Manager Chapman has arranged to have a removable ball room floor in the Opera House, extending from the stage to the incline, placed over the orchestra seats giving a floor space for dancing, 80x45 feet. This floor in the Howe Opera House which is connected with the Avenue House, where banquets will be served and which is centrally located, will make the handsomest and best equipped ball room in northern New England.

The opening concert, ball and banquet will be given on Wednesday evening, Sept. 24th. Needed repairs are being made in the Opera House, and with the ball room annex and first-class entertainments Mr. Chapman feels confident that Howe Opera House will be a popular pleasure resort as well as a paying institution during the coming season.

A special theatre train will be run from the north to the leading attractions.

Paintings while you Wait.

Matzon, "the wizard of the brush," is a great attraction just now, and there is always a crowd in front of his temporary studio, in one of Lougee Brothers & Smythe's windows. Matzon is an artist of ability and the rapidity with which he turns out finished pictures is marvellous.

The pictures are given away with every dollar purchase, provided the customer buys a frame, and the large numbers that have been sold shows that the opportunity is appreciated.

New Hack Line.

Walter Brockway will give up his position at the scale factory August 1, to operate a 10 cent passenger carriage in connection with C. A. Miles' 10 cent delivery business.

He will put on a two seated carriage and will be at all trains and answer calls to all parts of the village. His specialty will be quick service from trains.

County Conventions.

The democratic county convention will be held here today at 10 o'clock to place in nomination candidates for the county ticket. It will be a mass convention.

E. W. Hutchins of Lyndonville, the county member of the executive committee of the Local Option League, has called a county convention in the Town Hall in St. Johnsbury on Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock to nominate a county ticket. It is understood that a complete ticket will be put in the field.

Albumentized Milk.

Albumentized milk is a most nourishing drink for an invalid, and in hot weather, taken at intervals of three hours between breakfast and a 6 o'clock dinner, would be all the nourishment required by a person in health. Drop the white of one egg in a glass, add two-thirds of a cupful of milk, cover and shake until thoroughly mixed. Strain into another glass and serve.

The Sinecures.

Boeler—You are the last man I should have expected to find opposing the pensioning of government employees no longer able to work.

Heeler—When a man gets so helpless that he can't do what little work there is in a government job, he ought to be taken out and shot.—London Tit-Bits.

No Life There.

Little Dot—What's all this talk 'bout Mars? Does folks live there?

Little Johnny—They used to live there, but they is all dead long ago.

"How do you know?"

"I heard papa say the names of all the seas an' lakos an' islands an' things is from the dead languages."

Positive Proof.

Judge—What proof have we that this man is absentminded?

Attorney—Why, he actually stopped his automobile at a watering fountain.—Philadelphia Record.

There are 227 different religious sects in Great Britain and Ireland.

Will Wed a Soldier.

Mrs. McKinley's Niece Betrothed to Major Hartzel.

Miss Mary Barber, whose engagement to Major Ralph Hartzel of Denver was recently announced, is the favorite niece of Mrs. McKinley.

Miss Barber is the daughter of Mrs. Marshall P. Barber, only sister of Mrs. McKinley, and lives in the old Saxton homestead at Canton, O. She is petite,

with slender, well formed figure. Her eyes and hair are dark brown. Miss Barber was much at the White House during McKinley's presidency. It was Miss Barber who christened the battleship Ohio at San Francisco on the occasion of McKinley's visit to the coast.

Major Hartzel is a lawyer. During the Spanish war he was commissioned a paymaster in the volunteer army with the rank of major. His brother is secretary of state for Porto Rico.

The African cobra is regarded somewhat reverently by the natives of that country, who once a year kill a cobra de capello and hang its skin to the branch of a tree, tail downward. Then all the children born during the last year are brought out and made to touch the skin. This the parents think puts them under the serpent's protection. The cobra de capello divides with the horned viper of Africa the questionable honor of being the "worm of the Nile," to whose venomous tooth Cleopatra's death was due.

The Kaffirs use the venom of this snake